



Israel Ambassador to the Philippines Moshe Raviv and his wife yesterday ask Vietnamese refugees stranded on the freighter Tung An in Manila Bay if they wish to be resettled in Israel. (Mixed Feelings — page 3) (UPI/telephoto)

Nationwide alert, IL100,000 reward as Ramle escapees remain at large

By YORAM RAB Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Police have declared a nationwide alert and posted a IL100,000 reward for information leading to the capture of any of the eight prisoners who escaped from Ramle jail on Monday night. The escaped convicts are still believed to be in the country, the authorities said. Police chief inspector Haim Tavori has cancelled all vacations and offered the reward. At a special meeting of the police district commanders, Rav-Nitzav Tavori said that all including border police. Policemen throughout the country will work in two shifts of 12 hours each until the escapees are captured, he said. Intensified police activity was evident yesterday. All over Israel, searches for the escapees were being conducted. Searching villages between Hadara and Afeka. Special police activity was also evident in the areas of Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Haifa, Acre and Nazareth. The eight escapees include five convicted murderers who were serving life terms. The first, and only, people who have reported seeing them since the prison break said they were armed with a gun. This was stated by a taxi cab driver whose cab they commandeered minutes after the break, and his passengers. Police have warned that all eight are dangerous. While the IL100,000 reward for information has been posted, members of the public have been urged not to try to apprehend them, but rather to contact police immediately. Anyone who has details that might help police in finding the escapees has been asked to call a special telephone number, 02-271186, or to contact the nearest police station. Scores of telephone calls reporting suspicious movements of people reached police search headquarters in Jerusalem yesterday. Tat-nitzav Yehoshua Caspi, appointed on Tuesday to head the search for the escapees, told The Jerusalem Post that he believes that the escapees are still in Israel. Despite this, Caspi said, Israel has alerted police forces abroad and given them a description of the escapees. While the police search for the eight dangerous prisoners, the special committee of senior Prisons Authority officers appointed by Interior Minister Yosef Burg is continuing to investigate the circumstances of the escape. It will present its conclusions to the minister tomorrow. The chief warden of Ramle prison, Sgan Gundar David Peri, told The Jerusalem Post that he was in the prison during the breakout but he insisted that he couldn't be blamed for the oversight that allowed the escape because he couldn't be expected personally to check all 800 locks on the prison cells, he said. "In my opinion," Peri said, the safety rules were perfectly adequate. The fault lies with the man who had to count the prisoners when they returned to their cells."

MK linked to alleged wine fraud

By SELOMO MAOZ Jerusalem Post Reporter MK Yehonkel Zakai yesterday accused a fellow Knesset member, Peisuh Grupper, of covering up a massive fraud — involving millions of pounds — in the Vintners Association. He said that he wanted the police and the Attorney-General to investigate the association's affairs. In a press conference called at the Knesset yesterday, Zakai (an Alignment MK) claimed that an internal report prepared by the association has revealed that its former president, Dr. Elyakim Ostabinsky, had taken some IL2m. from the association without seeking its permission, and without providing an explanation. Furthermore, Zakai charged, Grupper (the Likud Knesset whip), had not only attempted to cover up the irregularities as a member of the Vintners Association's council but had himself taken unauthorized funds from the association while visiting the U.S. He claimed that the incident had been later rectified, after the association found out about it and forced Grupper to repay the money. Grupper called a press conference of his own yesterday to refute Zakai's charges against him which, he said, were totally unfounded. He further expressed regret that Zakai had "stooped so low" as to gain access to the private papers of a cooperative to which he didn't even belong, for the sole purpose of slinging mud. As for the charge levelled against him personally, Grupper admitted that he had, in fact, borrowed money from Carmel Wines while visiting the U.S. a few years ago. But this, he claimed, had been quite legitimate, and he had asked the association to debit his account for the sum borrowed. He strongly denied that the association's books had been fixed to cover up the incident. Grupper pointed out that the Vintners' Association, which is jointly run by the veteran moshavim

Ze'ev Almog named new OC Navy

By HIRSH GOODMAN Post Military Correspondent Tel-Aviv Ze'ev Almog has been named the new commander of the Israel Navy. His appointment will go into effect on Friday, when he will be promoted to the rank of aluf (major-general). Almog has effectively been in charge of the navy since Aluf Michael Barkat went on trial for sexually assaulting a female non-commissioned officer. Almog was one of several candidates for the job. Before becoming deputy commander of the navy, he was in charge of the Red Sea arena. The decision was made by Defence Minister Ezer Weizman and Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan yesterday afternoon. On Tuesday night the two had decided to fire Barkat from his post, despite the fact that the former navy commander had been acquitted of the charges against him on a technicality. Almog has in the past commanded the elite frogmen unit and Israel's largest naval base, in Haifa. He is a graduate of a naval command college in the U.S., and was attached to the Israel National Defence College. Ze'ev Almog, named OC Navy yesterday, is seen in a rare 1967 photograph taken in Portsmouth, England, when he was a lieutenant commander in command of the submarine Leviathan. (BBC)

NRP rejects Yadin offer of deputy

By SARAH HONIG Post Political Reporter TEL AVIV. — Deputy Prime Minister Tzvi Yadin yesterday attempted to appease the National Religious Party by offering to take an NRP deputy for himself. An NRP spokesman rejected the offer last night, and NRP's Knesset faction chairman, Yehuda Ben-Meir told The Jerusalem Post that in his opinion the offer "is nonsense and an affront to the NRP. We will not take it seriously and are not after hand-outs for ourselves." The NRP has been demanding that the cabinet representation of Yadin's Democratic Movement be reduced in proportion to its shrunken Knesset representation. The party says it will not accept any compensation for itself and will abstain from the cabinet reshuffle is brought before the Knesset. The NRP stand has been bolstered this week by outspoken support from the Liberals.

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Israel, Egypt coy... and U.S. cautious

By DAVID LANDAU Post Diplomatic Correspondent Israel and Egypt are engaged in a delicate tactical minuet, with the U.S. gently but insistently prodding each of them to move out of step and signal some substantive concession on the remaining issues of dispute between them. So far, no such concessions have been forthcoming. Both sides are saying they want to resume the stalled peace talks. Both sides are hinting that they have some new flexibility to offer. But neither has spelled out any specific shift on any specific issue. Washington would like at least a modicum of tangible progress before the face-to-face talks are actually resumed. But if the present unobtainable Secretary of State Cyrus Vance will probably chance another ministerial-level conference in the hope that the hinted flexibility would be expressed then. After all, both sides say they want to talk — and neither wants another round of talks to end in deadlock. This, in outline, is the assessment of the current negotiating situation prevalent among well-informed sources. The low-key diplomatic activity of recent weeks came to the surface yesterday with a meeting in Jerusalem between Premier Menahem Begin and U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis. The night before, Lewis met with Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan. At both sessions the topic of discussion was Egypt's recent letter to the U.S., signed by Premier Mustapha Khalil, in which Cairo expressed its earnest and urgent desire to resume the negotiations. Khalil cited the crisis in Iran and other adverse developments in the region as additional reasons why Egypt wanted to press ahead with all expedition. Israel, as Premier Begin told a congressional group earlier this week, shares both these concerns and the desire to restart the talks soon. The U.S. view, too, is that further lengthy delay could catalyze a process of erosion that could eat away at what has already been achieved. But both Israel and Egypt, while

U.S. against new talks if success not likely

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. — The U.S. is reluctant to resume the stalled Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty negotiations so long as there is no reasonable assurance of their success, well-placed diplomatic sources said here yesterday. Prospects, therefore, for an early reconvening of the negotiations here or elsewhere would appear slim, despite earlier hopeful signposts to another round of high-level talks. Sources here said that it is now expected that the U.S. will continue to work quietly, through normal diplomatic channels, with both Cairo and Jerusalem in a concerted effort to narrow the differences before arranging another formal bargaining session. Both Israel and Egypt have recently expressed readiness to continue the negotiations, but Washington sees little reason to do so without further progress. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, meanwhile, was yesterday reported by "New York Times" columnist James Reston to be "adam and pessimistic about the stalemate" in the negotiations and about the possibilities of a compromise in the Middle East. While Reston did not identify his sources in reaching this conclusion, State Department spokesman Hodding Carter III confirmed yesterday that the secretary had met the columnist in recent days. "As he (Vance) sees it," Reston said, "the longer President Sadat and Prime Minister Begin fuss over the details of Article 4 or Article 6 of the Camp David compromise, the more he thinks they will miss the chance of a compromise over the Sinai, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip." The columnist continued: "Accordingly, Washington is turning away from the puzzles of Mr. Sadat and Mr. Begin, which have preoccupied this city for so long. And it is even turning away from the struggles in Iran, which seem beyond Washington's control. Officials are turning back to their relations with the NATO alliance, Moscow, Peking and Tokyo." (Continued on page 2, col. 2)

Vietnamese mop up last Cambodia strongholds

BANGKOK (AP). — The Vietnamese army yesterday battled remaining strongholds of the vanquished Pol Pot government — whose forces still had shaky control of about 20 per cent of Cambodia, Western sources in the Thai capital said. Sources in Thailand said there were reports that ex-premier Pol Pot, whose repressive government was condemned by almost everyone but China, had been killed in fighting in northwestern Cambodia. But Japan's Kyodo News Service reported from Peking that Chinese Deputy Foreign Minister Chung Hai-tung has told Japan's ambassador that Pol Pot was alive in Cambodia. Western sources said that Vietnamese air strikes, reported at about 10 a day on Tuesday, had lessened yesterday. Thai sources said a Vietnamese division was pushing against Siem Reap, 420km. west of the Vietnamese-Cambodian border and 143 km. from Thailand. The 9th-century temple of Angkor — a symbol of Cambodian nationalism — are near the town. Kyodo's report said Japan's ambassador was told that Vietnamese troops had occupied Siem Reap and Battambang, a key centre and airfield site. Thai and Western sources, however, said the two towns had not been taken and that a third city, Pursat, may be controlled by the ousted leaders. Gunfire could be heard at the Thailand-Cambodia border. Vietnam maintains that a Cambodian rebel movement called the National United Front for National Salvation, led by Heng Samrin, overthrew Pol Pot. But Western sources say Vietnamese troops, backed by tanks, howitzers and air support, have done most of the fighting.

Arabs' fast boats pose new threat

By NICOLAS MOORE LONDON (Reuter). — For the first time in 150 years, the sea power of the Arabs has become a force to reckon with. If they combined, an authoritative British naval writer said yesterday, Arab navies in the Mediterranean could threaten the supremacy there of the U.S. 6th Fleet. Not since France smashed the piratical Bay of Algiers in 1830 have Islamic men-of-war posed any risk to the West's use of the sea. Key to this silent revolution in Arab seafaring is the development in recent decades of the modern fast missile boat (FMB), says John Marriott in a unique new study of the world's new mini-warships. Descended from the World War II U-boat, today's FMB generally measures less than 50 metres from bow to stern. But its guided missiles have the punch to sink a battleship and its arrival creates a new concept in naval warfare. Arab powers around the Mediterranean possess — or have on order — a total of 77 FMBs. The Libyans alone plan a navy of 41 of them. Marriott writes in his book "Fast Attack Craft" that "the Mediterranean has always been a danger spot and one wonders how, for example, the U.S. 6th Fleet would fare if an attack by the combined Arab boats was mounted against it." "What the carrier-borne aircraft and missile-armed helicopters would undoubtedly take out quite a number of them, it would not be easy to deal with all of them before they launched their missiles on the fleet," Marriott says in his book. An Arab power, Egypt, first demonstrated the modern FMB's potential in 1967. One of its Soviet-built Komáras sank the Israeli destroyer Eilat by firing a Russian Styx missile. Israel has since built its own fleet of 19 fast missile boats, including five spirited out of the Cherbourg docks in 1969 when France refused to deliver them. The Marriott survey finds that 750 FMBs are now in service around the world. The Warsaw Pact has 150. But Britain, despite having to patrol the English Channel and the North Sea off field, has none. With their guided missiles and wire-guided torpedoes able to sink a ship 12 nautical miles away, and with low radar profiles, the swift, stealthy missile boats are likely to be the main craft in the future of all but the biggest navies, Marriott concludes. Israel, he adds, leads the world in small ship battle tactics. One Israeli technique is for helicopters to hover

F-15s to Riyadh, navy off Iran coast U.S. decides to show flag in Gulf area

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. — The U.S. will deploy a squadron of F-15 jet fighters in Saudi Arabia "for a short period of time" later this month in an effort to reassure the nervous Saudi leadership of continued U.S. support. The move, announced yesterday by the Pentagon and the State Department, is clearly designed to demonstrate American strength in the Persian Gulf at a time of continuing turmoil in Iran, which forms the north side of the Gulf. In a related development three additional U.S. Navy warships have entered the Indian Ocean to continue a strong show of the U.S. flag because of events in Iran. Washington officials said on Tuesday. The navy said that three destroyers which had been escorting the aircraft carrier Constellation in the South China Sea were now in the ocean. Other sources said they will relieve a task force that has been in the Arabian Sea off the south coast of Iran since mid-November. In announcing the decision to send the F-15 Eagles to Saudi Arabia, State Department spokesman Hodding Carter III said that the U.S. had informed Israel, Egypt and other countries of the action. He said that the Saudis, who are scheduled to begin receiving 60 F-15s from the U.S. in 1982, had requested that a squadron of the fighters be deployed in Saudi Arabia at this time. The spokesman said that the current mission did not involve any "training" of Saudi pilots. They would begin training for the F-15s only in 1981, he said. "The purpose of the deployment will be to demonstrate the continuing close relationship between Saudi Arabia and the U.S. and of our interest in the security of the kingdom," he said. "The F-15s will deploy to Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia, and will visit other appropriate Royal Saudi Air Force bases during their stay in Saudi Arabia," he said. Pentagon officials said that some 300 U.S. military personnel will be involved in the operation. The 12 F-15s in the squadron will be flown to Saudi Arabia from Langley air force base in Virginia. In addition to reassuring the Saudis of America's steadfast support for the monarchy, the action is also designed as a warning to the Soviet Union and other anti-American elements in the Persian Gulf to stay out of the crisis in Iran, according to observers in the U.S. capital. "The F-15s will deploy to Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia, and will visit other appropriate Royal Saudi Air Force bases during their stay in Saudi Arabia," he said. "The purpose of the deployment will be to demonstrate the continuing close relationship between Saudi Arabia and the U.S. and of our interest in the security of the kingdom," he said. "The F-15s will deploy to Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia, and will visit other appropriate Royal Saudi Air Force bases during their stay in Saudi Arabia," he said. 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COPENHAGEN	-2	11	21	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	-2	10	20	Cloudy
GENEVA	-1	10	20	Cloudy
Helsinki	-1	10	20	Cloudy
HONG KONG	19	26	79	Cloudy
JOHANNESBURG	12	24	75	Sunny
LESSON	9	18	20	Clear
LONDON	9	18	20	Clear
MADRID	3	17	45	Clear
MONTREAL	-10	14	10	Clear
NEW YORK	-7	19	10	Sunny
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Health Ministry chief hits hospital overlap

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Up to 1,500 of the 11,000 beds in the country's general hospitals are superfluous, the new director-general of the Health Ministry, Mordechai Shani, told the press here yesterday.

Calling for an urgent reorganization of the country's health services, Shani said: "The ministry has for the past year been fighting to draw up a counter-plan to the government's plan together with the Kupaat Holim sick fund. Together we control some 90 per cent of hospital beds, and such a map would make rationalization of services possible," he said.

Each hospital would be assigned the population it would serve, eliminating overlapping.

Shani said every hospital should operate basic wards, but that specialized facilities should be concentrated in only a few centres, serving entire regions. This concentration would also result in higher standards, he said.

Dr. Shani added that Jerusalem, in particular, had a surfeit (computer tomograph) of hospital beds. In addition, the city had two \$850,000 "cat" x-ray scanners — at Hadassah and at Shaare Zedek — an unnecessary duplication, while other areas lacked such highly sophisticated and expensive equipment.

He denied that the treasury had cut its financial assistance to Kupat Holim, but admitted that agreement had not been reached on the percentage of the funds budget which the government is to cover.

Aluf Ze'evi denies business links with Bezalel Mizrahi

TEL AVIV (Him). — Answers given by Aluf (res.) Rehavam Ze'evi ("Gandi") to a 224-part questionnaire put to him by MK Ehud Olmert include repeated denials of any business connection between him and millionaire contractor and hotelier Bezalel Mizrahi.

The questions were submitted in Ze'evi's IL2m. libel suit against the Likud MK for implying in a radio interview in 1977 that the former OC Central Command used to meet with prominent criminals and protect them with his influence. The answers have been submitted to the Tel Aviv District Court, which is hearing the case.

Ze'evi said he has known Bezalel Mizrahi since 1952, when he was Mizrahi's commander in the army. He praised Mizrahi's physical prowess and leadership capabilities.

He repeatedly denied any business connection with the contractor, but confirmed that a Mizrahi company had done contracting work at an IDF base — which had been published in a public tender beforehand. He also denied that he had ever used his influence to obtain work for Mizrahi.

The litigant confirmed that he had visited South American countries on several occasions, on one of which he was accompanied by Mizrahi. This visit, he said, was financed by local investors who were interested in his expertise in security affairs — and not, as has been alleged, by Mizrahi.

At the time Ze'evi was serving as special adviser to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on terrorism.

Mizrahi, Ze'evi confirmed, had accompanied him on a visit to the planned Israel embassy in Brasilia, where the contractor's opinion was solicited, as an expert on building, on the type of security fence that should be erected. Mizrahi's advice had been accepted, Ze'evi added.

Ze'evi said he had no idea that Mizrahi was a police intelligence target. He had learned of this, he said, from press reports of Mizrahi's continuing IL2m. libel suit against "Ha'aretz" for calling him a boss of organized crime.

Ze'evi denied that he had ever given Mizrahi a gun. The only weapon he ever gave anyone was a pistol he presented to then-minister without portfolio Menachem Begin after the latter had observed an anti-terrorist operation under Ze'evi's command in the Jordan Valley in 1970. He confirmed that Mizrahi holds a licensed pistol.

The litigant admitted that Olmert's radio statement had not mentioned him or Mizrahi by name. But, he said, the mention of the friendship between a senior reserve officer and the owner of hotels and a construction company had been enough to damage him.

Olmert is expected to respond to Ze'evi's answers within the next few days.



President Yitzhak Navon is instructed in basic weapons handling by woman soldier Eilat during a day-long visit with the Armoured Corps yesterday. Navon toured bases, training units and other installations and met with Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan and OC Armoured Corps Moshe Peled for a briefing on new developments in the corps. During a meeting with briefings, he called on them to join the career army. Navon said that he had "no words to express the importance of service in the IDF, not only for the sake of security, but for the sake of the entire Jewish people in Israel and the Diaspora."

Egged dispute halts buses in Haifa

Jerusalem Post Staff

HAIFA. — The continuing fight between the two opposing factions in the Egged bus cooperative here led to a serious disruption in the services yesterday morning.

Members of the "Mifne" faction, which swept the board in Haifa in the recent Egged elections, blocked the approaches to the Central Bus Station for two hours preventing buses from entering or leaving. Fights between opposing supporters ensued.

The police were called in and cleared the approaches to the station.

The dispute began after Mifne's success in the Haifa elections, where it ousted the opposing Alternativa group which continued to retain control of the remaining three regions — and hence of the cooperative's central committee.

The Mifne group in Haifa, however, decided that their ascendancy in the North entitled them to assume full control of the cooperative's operations there. They thus placed their own men in all key positions, and challenged the right of the Alternativa-controlled Egged central committee to interfere in the running of the cooperative in Haifa and the North.

Israel XI holds Scots to draw

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israeli national soccer team notched its third consecutive 1-1 draw yesterday, holding the Scottish First Division side Hibernian thanks to a second half equalizer.

The ball. It was the Scots goalie's only mistake.

Just before the interval Hibernian's nippy little Norwegian Isaac Refvik netted with a cross-shot from six metres out, after a goalmouth melee.

Israel could well have won this game by a clear-cut margin had the finishing matched the approach work, in which Avi Cohen and Maimillian excelled. Centre-half Cohen is establishing himself as the footballer of the season, with his fast, confident breaks out of defence, and excellent distribution of the ball. Upheld, he spells more danger to opposing defences than any other player wearing the Israel shirt.

Israel Vogel, the Kfar Sava Hapoel striker, was brought on for Shalom Avitan in the second half and rewarded coach Emanuel Sheffer with a snappy header in the 74th minute. The goal came after a period of Israeli pressure and three corners taken in quick succession. Uri Maimillian took the corner and Vogel beat goalkeeper McArthur to

ed the Greek team a foul against Berkowitz. Maccabi players protested that no foul occurred and when Perry vehemently protested too close to the sidelines, some fans attacked the player.

No word was available last night on whether Perry, Maccabi's top scorer for the game with 17 points, was hurt.

Other top scorers in the game, which was Maccabi's first appearance in the final round of European Cup play this year, were Paul McCracken with 15, and Lou Silver and Jim Boatwright with 12 points apiece.

Perry hit by Greeks as Maccabi loses

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

Maccabi Tel Aviv lost a squeaker last night to Olympiakos of Greece, 79-77, and a foul call against Mickey Berkowitz in the last seconds of the game led to a rumpus in which Aulis Perry was beaten by Greek fans in the Piraeus stadium.

Maccabi's usual confidence and strong attack were missing during the game, which saw a half time tie of 44-44. Only in the last seconds of the game did the Greeks fall ahead with their two-point final lead.

The ruckus involving Perry occurred when the tie was scored at 77-77 and the Bulgarian referee awarded

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Youth convicted of murder in music-club killing

TEL AVIV (Him). — A 17-year-old youth was convicted of murder in the District Court here yesterday. Two of his accomplices, aged 17 and 16, were acquitted of the murder charge, but convicted of aiding and abetting murder and of brawling.

The three were involved in the so-called "Music Club Murder" in Rehov Ibn Gavriol last June, when 20-year-old Menachem Brimmer was stabbed to death.

The youth convicted of murdering Brimmer had attended a jazz club the week before he committed the crime, and been thrown out after creating a disturbance.

According to the court, he determined to seek revenge, and a week later, on June 9, he and a group of friends prepared an ambush in Rehov Ibn Gavriol, near Beit Sokolov.

When the jazz club concluded its session that night, a group of members, including Brimmer, made their way along Rehov Ibn Gavriol, where they were suddenly attacked. Brimmer was caught by one youth, who threw him to the ground and began to stab him. Two other youths helped by preventing Brimmer's companions from coming to his aid.

Brimmer finally managed to get away, and was taken to hospital in a Border Police vehicle. He died soon after he was admitted.

The autopsy found that he had been savagely stabbed several times, including one deep, fatal stab in the heart.

Sentence on all three youths — whose names were withheld because of their age — will be passed in about two weeks.

Abandoned newborn zebra fights for life

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMAT GAN. — The violent weather which hit Israel on Tuesday almost resulted in the death of a newborn baby zebra at Ramat Gan's Safari Zoo, Zvi Kirmaya, head of the zoo, said yesterday.

Kirmaya said that when the baby zebra failed to stand on its legs a few minutes after its birth, as it should have done, it was deserted on Tuesday by its mother and left in a puddle. It was found there almost frozen to death by the Safari caretakers.

The caretakers took the foal into Kirmaya's heated office, fed it milk from a bottle, dried it and covered it with blankets. But they are still not certain whether it will live, Kirmaya

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Court cancels Netanyahu council meeting

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NETANYA. — The second meeting of the city council here, scheduled for last night, was cancelled at the last minute when Mayor Reuven Kliger announced that he had been served with an injunction banning the session.

The injunction was issued by the Tel Aviv District Court, at the request of the three members of the United Religious Front. In its

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Rose Ginosar, 90

Rose Ginosar, honorary president of World WIZO, died in Jerusalem yesterday. She was 90. She was the widow of the son of Abad Ha'am, Dr. Shlomo Ginosar. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. today in Binyamina.

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He said that Vance "doesn't think Washington can do very much about the crisis in Iran. As he sees it, this is not essentially a political government-to-government problem, but a social and even religious problem Washington cannot resolve."

Ever since the Brussels meeting late last month between Vance, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Egyptian Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil, U.S. officials have been privately spreading the word that they were somewhat encouraged by what they regarded as a new willingness by both countries to reconsider some of their earlier positions.

But in the most recent diplomatic exchanges, Cairo and Jerusalem have appeared not to be willing to go far enough in making new concessions — at least far enough to justify, in American eyes, the need for another round of negotiations.

Some observers here yesterday claimed that the secretary's reportedly gloomy mood was designed, partially, to pressure Israel and Egypt to rethink some of their positions.

Both countries are anxious for the U.S. to maintain its active mediatory role. By indicating that Washington might lessen its involvement in the Middle East negotiations, the secretary was automatically exerting pressure on Cairo and Jerusalem to respond quickly to the latest U.S. suggestions.

Vance has scheduled a news conference for this morning, when he is likely to be asked about the status of the peace negotiations.

Israel's new ambassador Ephraim Evron was informed of the latest U.S. thinking during meetings on Tuesday with Assistant Secretary of State Harold Saunders and Ambassador-at-Large Alfred Atherton.

Today Evron is scheduled to formally submit his credentials to Carter at an open ceremony at the White House.

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(75 per cent) and by the Jewish Agency (25 per cent), representing the moshavim established since 1948, has been in existence for over a 100 years. In all that time, he stressed, there had never been the slightest suspicion of fraud. Nor, he concluded, was it reasonable to assume that there was any such suspicion now.

He added, however, that if the association's report does indicate the possibility of fraud, the matter would be taken up by the council.

Zakai told the press conference that the commission of inquiry set up by the association had, in fact, recommended that both the manager of Carmel Wines in New York and Dr. Ostashinsky be fined. The latter, however, had demanded double the normal severance pay — two months pay for each of the 25 years he had been a member of the association. He claimed that Grupper had "threatened" the Jewish Agency members that they had better approve the sum, which came to some IL1.75m.

Grupper denied that he had threatened anyone, and said the association's council had agreed that Dr. Ostashinsky should receive the money.

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Israel journalists mourn the death of

URI KESSARY ז"ל

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With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of my husband

WALTER RITTER ז"ל

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Yehudit Ritter and the family
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The funeral will be held today, Thursday, January 11, 1979, at 2 p.m., in Binyamina cemetery.

On the thirtieth day after the death of our dear

ENRICO FORTI

there will be a memorial service and unveiling of the tombstone tomorrow, Friday, January 12, 1978 at 2 p.m.
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Past National President American Pioneer Women
Past President Israel Council Pioneer Women-Na'amat
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We extend condolences to her children, Lami and David Halperin of Kibbutz Urim, to her grandchildren, brothers and sister.

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ISRAEL POLICE

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father's name: William who left the Snei Dan Youth Hostel, Tel Aviv on December 5, 1978, since when his whereabouts are unknown. Description: age 22, height 180 cm., build thin, eyes blue, hair chestnut brown, face long, forehead high, lips normal, complexion light. Speaks English. Anyone who knows his whereabouts or has seen him since December 5, 1978, is asked to inform the Identification Section at National Police, Headquarters, Tel. 02-280423, or any police station.

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Mixed feelings about Israel among Vietnamese refugees

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies
MANILA. — Israel's offer to take 100 Vietnamese out of more than 2,000 stranded on the freighter Tung An in Manila Bay met with a mixed response yesterday when Israeli officials boarded the vessel.
"We interviewed only a few who said they were representatives of the vessel," an Israeli official said. "Many were prepared to wait until they could go to the United States. Some said they had never heard of Israel, while others said they had heard good things and were willing to go."
The representative of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Werner Blatter, who accompanied the Israelis, will now provide them with a list for final consideration, they said.
The U.S., given a list of 656 Tung An refugees claiming ties in America, has said it is prepared to take people who fit its criteria for admission. But like other countries it is still giving priority to 2,000 refugees

Internal clash in Mapam over future of Alignment

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — City dwellers and kibbutzniks are on a collision course in the Mapam party. The city dwellers are trying to hold off kibbutzniks demands for increased representation at the party's upcoming convention, and the kibbutzniks are trying to hold off urban faction demands for an end to the Alignment with Labour.
Last night the matter was to have been taken up at the Mapam Central Committee, 14 of whose 27 members are kibbutzniks. (There are 11 city representatives and two Arabs.)
At the last Mapam convention both groups had equal representation, but the city-dwellers now contend that the kibbutzniks are out to change the delicate balance in their effort to let kibbutzniks join the Alignment.
A meeting of the urban faction was

Goldmann to query Soviets on aliya

Former World Jewish Congress president Nahum Goldmann said yesterday that he will try to convince the Soviet government to allow direct flights of olim from the USSR to Israel, thus avoiding the Vienna stopover.
Goldmann said he would make an appeal at the request of Prime Minister Menachem Begin. But he said Begin's press adviser, Shlomo Nardimov, denied Goldmann's request.
Nardimov said that Begin had told Goldmann about the possibility of direct flights during a Goldmann-led initiative meeting. Goldmann had the impression that he would take up

Tax dragnet nets soft-drink firm

By SELOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter
In their continuing crackdown on tax evaders, the income tax authorities say they recently found that a soft-drinks firm in the Netanya area had concealed income of some IL250,000.
The tax authorities have also been carrying out spot checks on businesses to find if they are keeping books. They say they found one businessman who was transporting a truckload of clothing from Jenin to Nablus with no record of his purchases, for which he had paid cash. They also found 30 taxi-drivers who were operating without keeping a daily log.

Ministry approves anti-migraine drug

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Ministry of Health has approved the use of a new drug under the brand name Migraine, which is claimed to offer faster and better relief from migraine headaches.
The drug, which is made in England, is already in standard use in the Maccabi, Meuhedet and some Kapat Holim clinics have also begun prescribing it following tests at Beilinson Hospital.
International Laboratories Ltd., the manufacturer, said that although

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Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir accepts congratulations after receiving an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the president of Chung Ang University in the South Korean capital, Seoul. Shamir's wife Shulamit looks on.

Shamir: East Asians respect Israel

Thailand, South Korea and Hongkong have great respect and affection for Israel, Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir said yesterday on a two-week tour of these East Asian countries.
Shamir told reporters at Ben-Gurion Airport that his warm and friendly meetings with Asian leaders, including the king and premier of Thailand and the president of South Korea, had convinced him of the popularity of Israel in these countries. The Speaker stressed that he had discussed matters which were likely to lead to increased cooperation between Israel and his hosts.
He said in answer to a question

MK Yadlin quits Knesset for kibbutz

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Reporter
Alignment MK Aharon Yadlin sent his resignation in writing to the Knesset Speaker yesterday, effective noon tomorrow.
Yadlin told reporters that he would be going back to his home, Kibbutz Hatzorim in the Negev. His Knesset seat will be filled by the next man on the Alignment list, Ze'ev Katz of Kibbutz Gasher.
The former education minister said his kibbutz had insisted that the principle of rotation for members in posts outside the kibbutz be implemented in order to ensure that their roots in communal life were maintained. He had been an MK for 14 consecutive years.
"Our members are quite right in this principle," Yadlin told reporters. "I am glad that kibbutzim

MKs' waiters earn too little, Pa'il says

Post Knesset Reporter
The low salaries of the waiters in the Knesset members dining room have upset Meir Pa'il (Sheli) so much that he wrote a letter about them to Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir.
Pa'il asked Shamir to check complaints that the waiters got between IL2,700 and IL3,200 net for their December pay.
"Starvation wages are an offence to the waiters as well as to the dignity of this parliament," Pa'il wrote. He said the waiters who asked for an explanation of their salaries were told that the Hilton hotel chain (which runs the restaurant in the

Bank of Israel weighs novel economic plan

By SELOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter
Three senior Bank of Israel economists have prepared a plan which is designed to bring the annual inflation rate down to 20 per cent over the next two years. They warn, however, that this will be at the expense of the balance of payments, which will worsen temporarily.
The plan, which envisages a greater exploitation of imported capital over the next two years, has been submitted to the bank's directors for study.
According to the devisers of the plan, a peace treaty with Egypt will greatly increase local demand, and this will boost inflation still further. Accordingly, the immediate post-peace period should be exploited to fight inflation, rather than for the continued reconstruction of an export-oriented economy.
The three economists — Zippora Gal-Yam, Liora Meridor and Zvi Auerbach — advocate devaluing the

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'Right wing prevents release of Argentine Jewish editor'

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Intimidation from right-wing members of his government has kept Argentine President Jorge Rafael Videla from ordering the release of Jewish journalist Jacobo Timerman from house arrest, Richard Maass, president of the American Jewish Committee said yesterday.
In an interview with The Jerusalem Post, Maass noted that Jewish organizations had hoped the 55-year-old founder and publisher of the daily "La Opinion" would be freed to attend the wedding of his son Danny earlier this month.
But Timerman, who was arrested by the army almost two years ago on allegations of being linked with Montonero terrorists, has had no official charges made against him and is still confined to his home. "Apparently," said Maass, "Videla doesn't feel strong enough to release him on his own."
The AJC president said it is unlikely that a complete or accurate accounting of all the Argentines who have disappeared will ever be compiled by the government.
"The AJC has tried to help Timerman and others in trouble by conducting press conferences, which have resulted in wide coverage by 'The New York Times' and other papers in recent weeks.
Turning to the 1980 Olympics in Moscow, Maass said it is wishful thinking to believe that the games can be moved to another site at this late date. But he urged "as many Jewish tourists as possible" to go to the Olympics and visit *refuseniks* in the Soviet Union who are waiting for exit visas.
"The Olympics can be used to best advantage this way, and it will let the Jews in Russia know that we are thinking about them," Maass said.

Knesset c'tee looking into school reforms

Post Knesset Reporter
A special Knesset committee formed to examine the structure of the education system and the results of the high school reform will start work next week.
The committee, whose members were appointed two days ago, will visit 30 localities in different parts of Israel and hold sessions with educational experts handling the various levels from kindergarten through high school.
Chairman Yitzhak Yitzhaki (Likud-Herut) told The Jerusalem Post that the high school reform had not closed the education gap between Israelis of different ethnic origins, and had not improved the scholastic achievements of the disadvantaged sectors. The high school population has barely increased in size in the upper grades, Yitzhaki said, and the drop-out rate is high.
Yitzhaki said that one conclusion which is sure to emerge after the special committee completes its work will be to place more stress on kindergarten and grades one and two.

Accident victims' claims limited to IL232,500

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The maximum general damages which road accident victims could claim for pain and suffering, as of the end of November 1978, were IL232,500 and not as reported in The Jerusalem Post on January 4. In a book by Dr. Pinhas Goldstein on compensation of accident victims, it was stated that the maximum damages provided by law are IL100,000 linked to the index; Goldstein pointed out that the index rose by 132.5 per cent between September 1976 and November 1978.

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Graiver can't be tried — no proof he's alive

NEW YORK (Reuter). — Argentinian financier David Graiver cannot be brought to trial for the theft of \$15m. from a U.S. bank because there is no proof that the businessman is alive, a Supreme Court judge decided on Tuesday.
Graiver allegedly was killed when a leased jet he was flying in crashed near Acapulco, Mexico, in 1976. But because of investigations into his dealings with the American Bank and Trust Company, and Manhattan Attorney-General Robert Morgenthau's claim last year that the financier was alive, Graiver was supposed to stand trial last February on charges of theft.
Manhattan Supreme Court Judge Arnold Frieman Tuesday said that Morgenthau did not present sufficient evidence showing that the Argentinian was still alive and therefore he could not be tried. But Frieman said if proof becomes available showing the businessman is not dead, he can be tried for the \$15m. theft.
A spokesman at Morgenthau's office said the attorney-general was still convinced that Graiver is alive.



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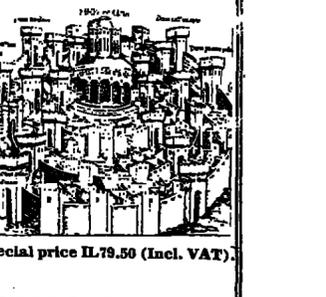


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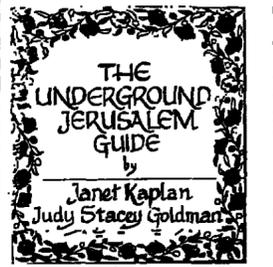
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Production picking up at Iranian refineries

TEHERAN. — Thousands of Iranian oil workers yesterday went back to work at five major refineries shut down by strikes after intervention by opposition leaders, industry sources said.

"The workers are back on their jobs and production is picking up," an official of the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) said.

The workers returned to the refineries in Abadan, Shiraz, Tabriz, Kermanshah and Tehran after prolonged discussions between their representatives and a team of opposition leaders, headed by Freedom Movement chief Mehdi Bazargan.

Teheran's refinery yesterday processed 90,000 barrels of oil, refinery sources said — still far short of its target level of 220,000 barrels per day.

Production at Abadan, the world's largest refinery, reached 240,000

barrels — less than half of its capacity, an oil industry source said. He said crude production was expected to be increased today from its present low figure to meet the refinery's needs.

But despite the increase in oil production, the state radio said that three electric power stations serving Teheran had closed for lack of fuel and that electricity would be curtailed as a conservation measure.

The broadcast said heavy snowfall in the Alborz mountains, which tower over the city, had knocked down power lines linking hydroelectric stations with the capital.

Power shortages are nothing new to residents of Teheran, who have suffered through regular blackouts every night for weeks. Housewives and children again queued up yesterday at kerosene retail stores in 15 cm. of snow. (UPI, AP)

Shah's wealth rivals Saudis'

NEW YORK (Reuters). — The personal wealth of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi of Iran is rivalled in the Middle East only by the holdings of the Saudi family of Saudi Arabia and the ruling al-Sabah family in Kuwait, "The New York Times" said yesterday.

According to bankers, the shah's personal portfolio is worth well over one billion dollars, the newspaper said.

It said the bankers, whom it did not name, had reported that a substantial part of an estimated two to four billion dollars which have been transferred from Iran to the U.S. in the last two years belongs to the royal family.

The accumulation of immense sums was made possible through the blurring of state and royal funds in Iran, the paper said.

In 1958 the shah formed the Pahlavi Foundation, a combination charitable organization and family trust, to which he said he was transferring 90 per cent of his holdings. On Tuesday, the shah ordered other members of the family to turn over their property to the foundation.

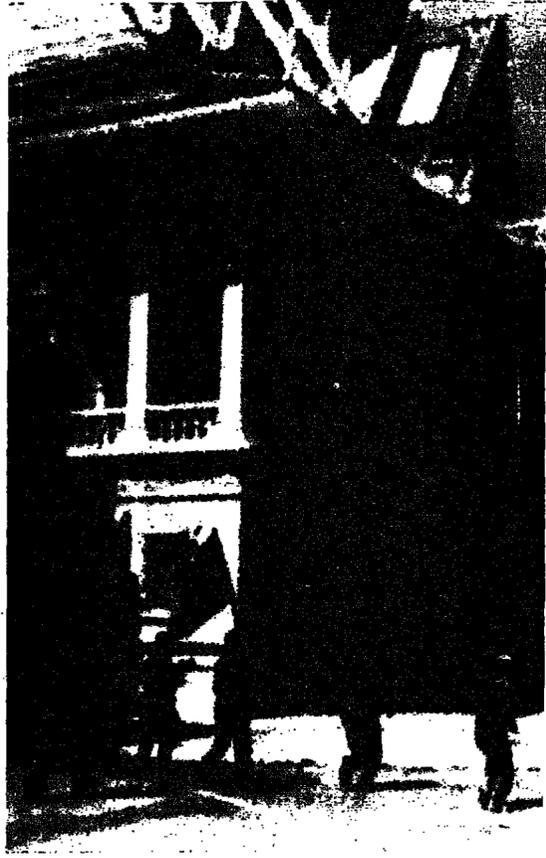
"The Times" said much of the shah's affluence is because of the

foundation, which, in effect, is his personal property.

It said the foundation, aside from charitable activities, is apparently used in three ways: as a source of funds for the royal family; as a means of exerting control over the economy through foundation holdings in key sectors; and as a conduit for rewards to supporters of the government. Foundation assets are thought to be about three billion dollars.

The paper said that a document drawn up last autumn by a dissident group in Teheran appeared to be accurate. The list showed that the Pahlavis have an interest in 17 banks and insurance companies, 26 metal enterprises, eight mining companies, 10 building-materials companies, 45 construction companies, 43 food companies and 26 trade or commerce enterprises.

WOMEN'S PLACE. — Pope John Paul II said yesterday that women's vocation in life is motherhood and always will be. In an address to his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Basilica, the Polish-born pontiff said that motherhood was at the centre of Christian belief and should be protected and promoted.



The caption of this Vietnam News Agency photo monitored in Tokyo yesterday reads: "Kampuchean revolutionary armed forces captured the royal palace in Phnom Penh at noon on January 7, 1979." (AP radiophoto)

Traces of cancer agent found in beer

HEIDELBERG. — The German Cancer Research Centre said yesterday that it has authorized the centre and Munich's Technological University to investigate new ways of producing pure malt to eliminate the nitrosamine.

A spokesman said traces of the substance were found in beers made in Germany, Britain and other countries. "No American beers were tested but it is known that the situation in America is no different than in Germany," the spokesman said.

Rudolph Preussmann, the head of the centre team that made the study, said that in addition to beer 150 other foodstuffs were tested. He said nitrosamine traces were also found in some pickled meats, ham, sausage and cheese — but much more in beer.

Prof. Preussmann told a news conference that the study was based on a new method that enables researchers to detect amounts of nitrosamine as small as a millionth of a gram.

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'U.S. could destroy Soviet sub fleet'

WASHINGTON (AP). — U.S. anti-submarine warfare is developing to a point where it might be able to destroy Russia's entire underwater missile fleet, it was reported yesterday.

"The Washington Post" said that a study by the congressional research service of the Library of Congress showed the Soviets already are responding by protectively conveying their missile-firing submarines and keeping newer, long-range models close to home.

Quoting sources, the newspaper's report said that U.S. technology is such that it can identify and follow individual Soviet submarines by the distinctive noises they make.

According to the research service study, anti-submarine technology is not among the issues involved in negotiations for a new strategic arms limitation treaty.

France not interested in joining Salt III talks

PARIS (AP). — The French government announced yesterday that it would not take part in future strategic arms limitation talks (Salt) affecting European-range nuclear weapons.

Presidential spokesman Pierre Hunt said after a regular cabinet meeting that France would not wish to join Salt III talks because it wanted to maintain its own independent nuclear deterrent. Hunt said France, however, hoped for a speedy conclusion to the current Salt II negotiations between the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

Moroccan terror bomb kills three children

RABAT (Reuters). — Three children were killed and two persons injured when a bomb exploded near a radio transmitter antenna in northeast Morocco Tuesday, the Moroccan daily "Al-Bayane" reported yesterday.

Official confirmation of the report was not immediately available. "Al-Bayane" said the bomb exploded on a road between Sidi Yahia and Oujda, close to the Algerian frontier.

Irish gov't makes plans for possible oil spill disaster

BANTRY, Ireland (AP). — The Irish government drew up contingency plans yesterday to combat a possible massive oil spill in picturesque Bantry Bay, where thousands of tons of oil lie in the wreckage of the French tanker Betelgeuse.

The 121,430-ton tanker was torn in half early Monday by explosions that killed all 45 French crewmen and seven Irish terminal employees of Gulf Oil. The tanker was discharging a cargo of Saudi Arabian crude at the Whiddy Island terminal when it blew up.

"We're preparing for the worst," Liam Mullins, pollution control officer for County Cork, said yesterday. "We simply can't afford to take chances."

Bill Finnegan, chairman of Gulf Oil's Irish subsidiary, said an estimated five tons (35 barrels) of oil are seeping from the wrecked tanker every hour. Gulf officials said this could be coming from a leaking tank, although they believe other tanks in the sunken vessel remain intact.

The Betelgeuse had unloaded an estimated two-thirds of its 120,000-ton cargo before it blew up. Some officials estimated that as much as 20,000 tons may have been burned off in the fire that raged for more than 26 hours after the explosion.

Gulf yesterday brought in heavy anti-pollution booms from Sweden to ring the terminal and the sunken tanker in case the rate of oil flow from the vessel increases.

Turks seek escaped Arabs

ISTANBUL (Reuters). — Police searched Turkey's biggest city today for two Palestinian Arab terrorists who escaped from jail where they were serving life sentences for killing four Israeli airline passengers in an airport attack two years ago.

Officials said a close watch was being kept on all exits, including the airport, where Mehdi Mohammed al-Fahid, both in their 20s, launched an assault on the departure hall with explosives and automatic weapons in August 1976. The four who died

were passengers about to board an El Al flight to Tel Aviv.

Authorities at Segmalcar prison, one of the city's largest, were investigating how the two men managed to cut through the bars of visiting cubicles yesterday and escape by mingling with visitors.

The public prosecutor's office said the investigation was aimed at establishing whether the two men had any accomplices in the jail, the scene of a mass break-out by 13 imprisoned right-wingers two months ago.

Dutch question two Israeli brothers

AMSTERDAM (Reuters). — Dutch police are searching for two foreigners who held two Israeli brothers and two policemen at gunpoint and made off with the police officers' pistols.

Police said the Israelis, who were illegally in Holland, were being questioned about the incident. They identified the pair by their initials, R.A., aged 22, and A.W., aged 19, both of Tel Aviv.

A spokesman said two officers of the aliens police stopped the pair in the city centre to check on the three occupants, who included one of the Israelis. All five went to the Israeli's home after the men said their iden-

tification papers were there.

The second Israeli was at the house. One of the unknown foreigners pulled out a gun, ordered the brothers and the policemen to lie on the floor and tied them up before taking the police pistols and escaping by car with his colleague.

The Rotterdam newspaper "Algemeen Dagblad" said the two foreigners were Palestinian Arabs, but police were unable to confirm this.

"We have no idea what nationality the foreigners have or where they are hiding out. The two Israeli brothers say they did not know the two men," a spokesman said.

Tokyo TV crew 'experiments' with rape

TOKYO (AP). — More than 100 policemen answering a kidnap alarm found instead a television crew "experimenting" to see how easy it was to lure young girls, a police spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman said a 10-year-old girl ran into a police box in Nerima, northern Tokyo, on Tuesday and said someone had lured her into a car, saying, "Don't you want to see the Pink Lady?"

The "Pink Lady" is a popular pair of young women singers.

The spokesman said a similar approach had been used by a man who has kidnapped and raped about 10 little girls, and police were on full alert for the real "Pink Lady" kidnapper when the girl came in with her report.

Police answering the report found two men and an eight-year-old girl in a nearby car. The spokesman said one of the men identified himself as a 28-year-old assistant producer working for the Tokyo-based television network Zenkoku Asahi Hoou, and added that they were experimenting to see if young girls were easy prey.

Although greatly disturbed, the spokesman said, the police were not considering legal action against the network.

Meanwhile, the police reported arrest yesterday of Ichiro Hoshino, an ex-convict, on charges of kidnapping and rape. Police said Hoshino admitted to some sexual misdeeds using an offer to see the "Pink Lady" as bait.

S. Africa boxer's victim pleased at ban

PRETORIA (Reuters). — A black youth shot in the legs two years ago by South African heavyweight boxer Kallie Knoetze said yesterday he was very happy to hear that Knoetze had been barred from fighting in the U.S.

Stanley Ndlovu, 17, had his right leg amputated after being shot by Knoetze, then a detective constable, during black protest riots in Atteridgeville township outside Pretoria.

The U.S. State Department has revoked the boxer's visitor's visa

and cancelled his planned fight with Bill Sharkey at Miami Beach Saturday after press reports which focussed on the Atteridgeville incident.

"Kallie cannot be expected to be on the top when he destroyed my future. I also wanted to be at the top as a boxer," Ndlovu told reporters yesterday.

Earlier he told of his arrest by Knoetze and other policemen: "When I asked for water I was told to drink my blood. I lay there groaning and writhing in pain, but I was told to drink my blood," he said.

Actor Lee Marvin goes to court in 'palimony' suit by ex-girlfriend

LOS ANGELES (Reuters). — Actor Lee Marvin appeared in court yesterday at the start of a case that will decide whether the film tough guy must pay his former girlfriend half a million dollars for her devotion, even though they never married.

"I'm glad to see this case has finally come to a head," the grey-haired Marvin, 54, told reporters.

If singer Michelle Triola Marvin wins her claim for what Americans

call "palimony," the outcome could set off a wave of similar claims across the U.S. by women whose live-in boyfriends walked out on them.

Triola, who added the actor's name to hers after they met on a film set in 1964, was in the packed courtroom when the proceedings opened.

In the first significant legal ruling, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Arthur Marshall said that he had decided after consulting with both sides not to have a jury.

England faces strike of transport system

LONDON (Reuters). — A train drivers' strike brought misery for millions of London commuters yesterday and the whole country faced the prospect of a crippling transport stoppage. Drivers campaigning for a 10 per cent — seven pounds sterling a week — bonus brought all but a handful of services

to halt in Britain's Southern Region, the major commuter route to the capital.

The national rail strike next week appeared likely after the breakdown of pay negotiations, and there was the threat that 175,000 road transport drivers would launch an all-out strike today.

Heatwave down under

SYDNEY (Reuters). — A heat-wave sent temperatures soaring to 44 degrees centigrade yesterday, and at least 20 people collapsed and were rushed to hospital. In Southeast Australia, firemen fought a raging bushfire which has far destroyed 40,000 dunams of tinder-dry woodland.

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Historic Hejaz railway to run again

JEDDAH (AP). — Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Syria agreed in principle to rebuild the historic Hejaz Railway, linking the three Middle East countries. It was announced officially here yesterday.

Saudi Communications Minister Hussein Mansoori stated that the 1,300-km. line would cost nearly \$1b. and might take seven to nine years to build.

The original narrow-gauge Hejaz line was built in the days of the Ottoman Empire and provided a link extending the European railway system via Istanbul and Ankara in Turkey all the way to Islam's holy cities in Saudi Arabia.

The original line was destroyed during World War I by Arab rebel

forces assisted by Lawrence of Arabia, the British officer of legendary fame.

The new line would be in standard gauge and is expected to carry "an enormous amount of freight and pilgrims and other passengers," stated Jordanian Communications Minister Ali Al-Suhaiman. It would also speed the movement of cargo between the three countries and relieve the pressure on their ports, he added.

Al-Suhaiman, who was in Jeddah for talks on the rebuilding of the railway, said the construction costs will be shared equally by the three states and that once completed, the railway will be administered by a joint committee.

Cypriot sides agree to Waldheim agenda

NICOSIA (Reuters). — Both the Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot sides have agreed to resume inter-communal talks on Cyprus based on an agenda proposed by UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim. It was announced here yesterday.

on the basis of Waldheim's suggestions.

The Turkish-Cypriot news agency TAK said yesterday that Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş told Pohl he was ready to take part in the talks under the framework put forward by Waldheim.

But the prime minister of the self-proclaimed Turkish Federated State of Cyprus, Mustafa Cagatay was quoted as saying the Turkish-Cypriots would start the negotiations with "some reservations."

Rape trial couple kiss and make up

SALEM, Oregon (AP). — John and Greta Rideout, the couple involved in what was believed to be the first trial in the U.S. of a husband charged with raping his wife while they were living together, have told their attorneys they have made up.

Two weeks ago a jury acquitted Rideout, 21, after three hours of deliberation.

During the six-day trial, intimate details of their lives and the October

incident were publicized. Mrs. Rideout, 23, contended that her husband had raped her while their young daughter stood by crying, "Mommy, Mommy."

The Rideouts could not be reached on Tuesday night. However, Salem attorneys Jean Christensen and Charles Burt confirmed that the couple had visited each other earlier in the day and announced their reconciliation.

"Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel..."

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Billy Carter signs 'pact' with Libyans

ATLANTA (AP). — The visit of a Libyan delegation to Georgia has been shrouded by the state's top officials and several critics of Jewish leaders. But the Libyans and host Billy Carter — U.S. President Jimmy Carter's brother — chose to ignore it all and sign a friendship agreement.

Ahmed al-Shahat, head of the 15-member delegation and chief of the Libyan government's Foreign Liaison Office, announced the establishment of the Libyan-Arab-Georgia Friendship Society during a reception on Tuesday night at an Atlanta hotel.

"The Libyans are the best friends I've ever made in my life," Carter said as he signed the agreement along with Libyan delegation members and other Georgians.

Last September, the president's brother was part of a delegation of Georgians who travelled to Libya on an unofficial visit. Carter said the Libyans' trip to Georgia is a reciprocal visit.

Czech kills self in anti-Soviet protest

MELBOURNE (AP). — A Czechoslovak refugee committed suicide in front of startled shoppers yesterday in Hobart, capital of the Australian island of Tasmania.

The suicide was apparently to protest the choice of Moscow as the site for the 1980 Olympic Games.

The dead man was Josef Douda, 55, a widower who came to Australia after the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968. He parked his car outside the city's main post office and shot himself with a .22 rifle.

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Foreigners, Jewish or otherwise, are still relatively rare in China. Here a photographer from abroad draws curious smiles from the residents of Sian.

Ancient Jews of China

By SILVIA ASCHNER
Special to The Jerusalem Post

1929. The Jews of Europe learned of the existence of this small community only in the seventeenth century from Catholic missionaries who had visited this city.

Relatively precise sources tell us that in the ninth and tenth centuries about 1,000 Jews came from Persia and India upon an invitation by the king of the province of Henan (Kaifeng) in the capital of this province. The king also authorized them to build the synagogue or Ji pai si, built like a Chinese pagoda. This synagogue was destroyed in 1642 during a general uprising and was shortly afterwards reconstructed.

On a column inside this pagoda the following text was inscribed: "He who honours the sky, the earth, his prince, his parents and his teacher is not far from the road to virtue and to truth."

Contact with Jews in Persia was eventually lost, and the Jews of Kaifeng developed their own forms of worship. Upon entering their synagogue they kept their hats on, but removed their shoes. They honoured Confucius and may have even tried to find parallels between Judaism

and Chinese religion, such as the veneration of the skies, fasting, and elaborate honouring of the dead.

But according to records, the Kaifeng Jews observed the Sabbath and the major Jewish holy days. They were also known for not marrying outside of their faith.

The death of the last rabbi in 1863 marked the beginning of the community's decline. In 1906 the synagogue was demolished and the Jews had to sell their stones to Muslims for the erection of a mosque.

By 1900 the few Jews left there were distinguishable from the general Chinese population only by their names and by the fact that they did not eat pork.

WITH THE CIVIL WAR and other disorders of the 1940s, every last trace of the old Jewish community of Kaifeng was gone. The only reminder today is a small road there called the Street of the Jewish Community.

Nevertheless, the Kaifeng Jews, as well as the 20th century Jewish community at Shanghai, seem to have left a positive impression in the minds of the Chinese people.

Never throughout my year in China did I hear anything that could be construed as an anti-Jewish remark. Nor for that matter did I ever hear a negative word about Israel. Indeed Chinese officials frequently remarked on the accomplishments of the Jewish State in its short history, and indicated that relations did not exist between the two countries because of the "global situation."

When I told one Chinese diplomat that I would like to do whatever I could to help foster relations between China and Israel, he wished me good luck and sounded quite sincere.

Bleak Britain

LONDON LETTER/Hyam Corney

taxation — will be taken to curb inflation.

As if all this were not enough, workers in the public sector (local council employees) are also threatening to strike at the end of the month. This would involve a whole range of occupations, including dustmen.

The prospect for 1979 is bleak, indeed. I can think of no one who might benefit from the situation, except perhaps ally officers, who have just completed a record year and can expect to do even better "business" this year unless the situation here improves rapidly. And of course, thousands of children are happy, having to stay at home, because there is no oil to heat their classrooms. But for the rest of us, it's pretty miserable.

THE NEW YEAR'S honours list noticeably contained almost no Jews, unlike the famous resignation list of Premier Harold Wilson, which

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ment, declared that the Americans were washing their hands of the whole business, but not breaking with Britain on the issue. Silver called Goldmann's move "a colossal political blunder. We had played our trump card and we had lost."

read like a who's who of Jewry. (Many of those honoured by him, including Lord Kagan, have since earned unfortunate notoriety for a variety of reasons.)

One of the few Jews named this year was Isaac Hai Jacob, who was made a knight. Now 70, he was born in Shanghai and is Senior Master of the Supreme Court and a Q.C. He is not well known in the Jewish community, though he is a member of London's Sephardi congregation.

"BAR MITZVA Boy," a new musical that opened here less than three months ago amid a great fanfare of publicity and high hopes for a long run, has closed.

The show, based on an award-winning television play by British playwright Jack Rosenthal, failed to get good reviews and never caught the imagination of the public, as the play did. The show which employed much American talent in the production side, was scheduled to go to Broadway. That now seems unlikely.

"Bar Mitzva Boy" probably suffered by comparison with "Fiddler on the Roof." It was not another "Fiddler," nor was it meant to be. I saw the show during its opening week and found it enjoyable, though I doubted its capacity to be a hit. Sadly, I was right.

But not completely, says Ganin. In the long run, Goldmann's views prevailed. When the idea of partition became more general, in 1947, the Americans could more easily endorse it since they had already supported it once, however briefly.

THE FACT IS that Dr. Goldmann has never been able to work as part of a team. A philosopher, he cannot concentrate on one practical goal to the exclusion of all extraneous considerations, as did Ben-Gurion. Rather, he lessens the impact of a particular task by publicly placing it in the historical perspective.

Nor does Goldmann believe that the Zionist ideal, to which he himself subscribed by becoming head of the Zionist organization, is the only, or the best, or even a possible, means of ensuring the Jewish people a secure future.

Jews are not a "normal" people, he writes in an article published in the autumn issue of "Foreign Affairs" even in Israel. He subscribes to Goethe's dictum that peoples and humans have to live "by the law by which they started their existence."

Goldmann envisages an Israel which is little more than a cultural centre, as Ahad Ha'am insisted it should be.

What could be more simple than coming to terms with the Arabs on this assumption? Borders are immaterial, and, says Goldmann, "one may legitimately wonder why the Arabs or the Americans should be committed to the promises of the Jewish God" as to the extent of Eretz Yisrael.

Dr. Goldmann has often been commended for agreeing that what the Jews requested was wrong. But we hardly need his intervention at this stage, adding to the pressures of a hostile world.

MISTER TEL AVIV

"IF EVER anyone could justly be called 'Mr. Tel Aviv' it is Uri Kessary," a Jerusalem Post journalist once wrote during the veteran writer who died in Tel Aviv's Ichilov hospital yesterday morning after a prolonged illness.

Though he loved Jerusalem, where he worked for many years, and Haifa, where he studied and started his literary career, it was "the city of sand and strain," as he once described Tel Aviv, which was really in his blood.

Uri Kessary was born in Jaffa on July 19, 1901, son of Nathan Kretzman, a German-educated agronomist who later became a banker, and Miriam Krugliakov Kretzman, an Odessa-born pianist and music teacher. From his mother, who was taught Hebrew by Chaim Nachman Bialik, he inherited his artistic flair, and at one point Uri even wanted to study music. From his father he learned the art of public relations, dedication to hard work, order and initiative.

He studied at Tel Aviv's Herzliya Gymnasium, but graduated from Haifa's Real School after his parents moved there. He was fascinated by the multi-national

character of Haifa and started writing at an early age.

After a visit to Paris, he found permanent employment in 1925 as a journalist with "Davar." He returned to Paris as a regular "Davar" correspondent, a post which he held until his return here in 1932. Kessary, who knew English, French and German, was also a contributor to "Le Soir" and "La Volonté."

In 1932 Kessary moved to Jerusalem, where he spent the next five years on the staff of "Doar Hayom." Jerusalem was at the time the centre of Jewish Agency and Mandatory government activity, and Kessary established his headquarters at Zion Square's Vienna Cafe, a meeting point for all the journalists converging on Rehov Hassolel, where at the time The Jerusalem Post and other newspaper offices were situated.

After some time Kessary gladly returned to Tel Aviv, where he founded an independent "Pitha Ha'even" weekly, which eventually became "Ha'Olan Ha'ash," which in 1950 passed to a different editorship.

Eventually Kessary became a contributor to "Yediot Aharonot," a columnist for "Ha'aretz," a founder-



Uri Kessary

member of "Ma'ariv" and the author of a number of books.

He won Tel Aviv's Sokolov Prize in Journalism in 1960 and in 1965 Kessary became the President of Israel Journalists Association.

Kessary's identification with the cultural life of Tel Aviv earned him the distinction of Distinguished Citizen of Tel Aviv in 1976.

Throughout his prolonged illness, his lively commentary continued to appear in the press. He is survived by his wife Fanny, whom he married in 1923, by their two children, Adar and Gil, and grandchildren. A.Z.

A smell of greed in the money-making machine

NEW YORK — Resorts International starts some very high rolling on Monday when it attempts to persuade New Jersey's Casino Control Commission to let it keep its Atlantic City money-making machine.

Resorts' daily winnings have averaged more than \$630,000 since its casino opened last May 26. It has been taking in money about three times as fast as a Las Vegas casino. It put about \$40m. into its present casino, but has grossed more than \$250m. in seven months — making money as though there were no tomorrow.

State Attorney-General John Degnan raised just that possibility last month. In a report that indicated the casino was excessively greedy, New Jersey's Division of Gaming Enforcement also recommended that Resorts be denied a permanent casino license because of questionable activities with mobster Meyer Lansky in the Bahamas and in New Jersey.

Resorts president I.G. Davis reacted with an apocalyptic and hyperbolic appeal to Atlantic City leaders, many of whom have seen a friend or two prosper since Resorts

came to town.

"If our cause should fail, the cause of Atlantic City is destined to fail," Davis said.

His implication was that if Resorts, which has been operating on a temporary license, cannot yet pass muster in New Jersey, the other companies with gambling backgrounds — Bally, Caesar's World, Penthouse, Playboy and Harrah's — awaiting their turn won't qualify either.

THE COMMISSION, in hearings expected to last four weeks, will decide whether Resorts smells of corruption, but whatever that decision, the odour of greed is unmistakable.

Resorts pressured to get the temporary license that has enabled it to reach this point with \$125m. from casino profits is aimed at increasing tourism and convention business. Tourism doesn't depend on a small group of big bettors."

Merck says the commission's role is to see that while the casino makes a profit it doesn't profiteer. "I say Resorts has gone over the line into

profiteering," Merck says.

Resorts' low minimum tables are usually jammed. A better who doesn't want to wait his turn has three choices — all of them good for the casino.

He can leave. He can play over his head at a \$25 table. He can play the slot machines or the big six wheel where the house edge is about 17 per cent, far higher than the table games.

MOST OF THE 17 allegations against Resorts relate to connections with Meyer Lansky and other underworld figures during Resorts' Bahamas operations. "If you go back far enough on IBM or General Electric maybe you'll find something distasteful," says William Downey, who represents the association which Resorts and other aspirants to casino licenses has formed. His argument is a favourite one with Resorts' supporters.

Resorts reacted to one allegation from the past when it suspended one of its executives, Seymour Alter, who has admitted trying to bribe a New York judge in 1962 and paying prostitutes to entertain Bahamian officials.

and has hammered away at hearings in an effort to preserve some space at Resorts' tables for smaller bettors. No casino anywhere in the world so discourages the small bettor.

The economics are simple. A \$2 or \$3 bettor playing while a bigger bettor waits for a chair is a financial loss. The odds at each game bring the house a steady percentage of the amount bet. The larger that total, the more a casino keeps.

In the largest U.S. casino, the MGM Grand in Reno, four of 106 blackjack tables have minimum bets of \$25 or more. In Resorts, 65 per cent of the tables start at \$25.

"I'm widely prejudiced in favour of profitable businesses," Merck says, "but the New Jersey law says gambling is aimed at increasing tourism and convention business. Tourism doesn't depend on a small group of big bettors."

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Shares, bonds and the pound all moving up

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Jerusalem Post Finance Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Equities, index-linked shares and the Israel pound all moved to rise yesterday.

came through with a gain of 9.5 per cent as it soared to 975. Carmel (B) gained 15, to 385.

Insurance shares, on balance, were mildly higher, as advances were limited to a few points on the upside. Phoenix ILS was a good feature as the shares rose by 10, to 385.

Delek (B) at 208 reflected a solid gain of 5.5 per cent. Oil Exploration of Paz was among the most active shares of the session and rose by three, to 181. Israel Cold Storage ILS, in moderately active trading, gained 14, to 876. Lighterage, for the third consecutive session, was "buyers only" and was fixed accordingly at 894.

Land development and real estate shares also were higher. Soel Boneh rose by seven, to 680, while F&B advanced nine, to 385. Neot Aviv sprinted ahead by about three per cent, to 630.

Industrialists came up with scattered and modest gains. Advancing shares were generally held to gains of only a handful of points.

Investment company shares were led by a strong Clal Group. The investment company was the best of the lot with a 25-point jump, to 513. Clal Industries added on 13, to 333, while Clal Real Estate was nine higher, at 228.

Index-linked bonds moved ahead gently, but along a broad front, with maximum gains of one and a half per cent.

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KOSHER INDIAN CURRY. Wiener schnitzel and chopped liver like mother made it are the specialties of four Vietnamese now working at the Tel Aviv Sheraton Hotel.

IL gains another 5ag.

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Jerusalem Post Finance Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Israel pound dug in its heels yesterday and struck against the U.S. dollar, with the net result that it appreciated another five agorot.

market. If the banking community is not able to supply loans in local currency, then businessmen will take loans in foreign currency and depress the exchange rate when they carry out the conversions," stated the source.

But the German mark, in the two months, appreciated by some 2.5 per cent against the pound.

The American currency has performed poorly against the pound. In 1978 the rate of devaluation of the pound, in terms of the dollar, was only 23.6 per cent, while against the mark it was some 42 per cent, and against the Japanese yen it was a full 50 per cent.

Sources in the banking world, however, are less than happy with these unusual developments. "In an economy where there is no room for the totally free interplay of market forces. The Bank of Israel should not leave exchange fluctuations to the vagaries of the

Yesterday's hectic action, paradoxically, took place when the dollar rose appreciably against European currencies on international markets.

Aware that American and occasionally Swiss banks buy our currency in cash notes, The Post tried to find out whether any such export is actually taking place. However, our sources indicated that neither the "Gnomes of Zurich" nor those of New York have been placing any orders which could affect the rate.

No one seems to be sure how long the upward trend of the pound will go on, but at least for the time being we may bank in the glory of a strengthening currency.

Getting paid for saving energy

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
If you are an industrialist — large or small — you will not only save money by conserving energy, you will even be "paid" for your effort and outlay.

IAI has new crop dusting helicopter

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The prototype of a helicopter, to be used for crop dusting, was described yesterday by the Israel Aviation Industries, which developed the machine for the Centre for Industrial Research and Development.

Output of Israeli worker still among world's lowest

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Closest to Israel was the Italian worker, with a GDP of \$3,460.

Israel is still way behind in the race for greater worker productivity. A comparative study just published by the Israel Productivity Institute sheds new light on the failure of workers to narrow the gap between output here and in other countries.

The new study — "Productivity in Israel, an International Perspective" — compares various aspects of a worker's production here with that in 12 other countries: Switzerland, Sweden, the U.S., Canada, Denmark, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, France, Japan, Great Britain and Italy.

Here are a few of the findings:
• In 1977 the annual per-capita Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the Israeli worker was \$3,250 — the lowest among workers of all 13 countries reviewed. The highest per-worker GDP was chalked up by the Swiss, with \$9,500 per man, followed by \$9,490 per worker in Sweden.

Gov't pays Arkia IL60m. a year

Post Knesset Reporter

The government considers regular airline service to Eilat and other outlying development towns as a service vital for the well-being of the inhabitants and for the towns' economic development.

This was stated in the Knesset yesterday by Minister without Portfolio Haim Landau, who is slated to get the Transport portfolio. He was replying to a motion for the agenda by Moshe Amar (Alignment-Mapam).

Slow devaluation and fast-rising costs are hard on export profits

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The failure of the devaluation of the Israel pound vis-à-vis the American dollar, to keep pace with rising costs inside the country has cut into export profits.

Hardest hit were those manufacturers who bought raw materials in Europe, where prices were high due to the appreciation of most of these currencies against the dollar.

New hotel to open in Jerusalem

Jerusalem will acquire a new hotel in August. The 120-room Eilat will occupy the top eight floors of the new Arkia building on Rehov King George.

Landau said that the government had given expression to its policy by awarding Arkia the exclusive right to maintain scheduled internal flights. The government also subsidizes reduced fares for development town residents.

The spokesman for the Manufacturers Association noted yesterday that in the last three months alone manufacturing costs rose 15-18 per cent, due to higher costs of labour, electricity, water, fuel, and credit.

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Technion wants ministry's building

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Technion President Amos Horav described as "scandalous" the continuing vacancy of the six-story building that had housed the Industry Ministry's Industrial Research Centre located on the Technion campus.

Higher property tax rates in Tel Aviv

By MICHAL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Property taxes will rise 65 per cent for living quarters and 85 per cent for business premises, while some businesses, such as banks and insurance companies, will pay a 100 per cent increase from April 1, the Tel Aviv-Jaffa municipality decided yesterday.

Options lose case over gov't handling dispute with Ethiopian Church

The High Court of Justice on Tuesday rejected the application of the Coptic Church in East Jerusalem to stop the government from proceeding with the conflict between the Coptic and Ethiopian Churches.

Plan to keep the Swiss franc stable

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The economy vs Ehrlich

THE MOUNTING criticism of the government's economic performance — which by now spans the entire spectrum of political opinion and affiliation — has in recent weeks produced a crop of policy proposals intended to prop up the faltering stature of the Treasury and Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich.

The latest balloon which the Treasury has sent up into the stormy atmosphere of public opinion is a proposal to impose a 5 per cent income surtax. The additional tax puts flesh on the bones of Mr. Ehrlich's statement that, as a result of the Cost of Living advance agreed upon between the employers and the Histadrut, he will have to siphon off the additional purchasing power.

The proposal to raise direct taxes has already aroused a furore — mostly, however, on the wrong grounds. The tax administration opposes it because higher taxes will be more difficult to collect. Deputy Finance Minister Yehezkel Flomin is against it for the same reasons and because he believes that higher tax rates will be an additional incentive for tax evasion. Others, who are not motivated by self-interest, are opposed to higher taxes on the grounds of equity: honesty in paying taxes, they argue, will again be penalized.

There is much truth in all these arguments, but in the last analysis they must yield before the urgent necessity to take drastic, and immediately effective, action against the inflation that is swamping the economy. Taxes must be raised not because this is the most desirable and most equitable way to combat inflation, but because it is almost the only measure immediately available.

The need to raise direct taxes is dictated by the fact that we are now in the midst of a demand inflation that is also being fanned to new heights on the coast side by Mr. Ehrlich's policies, and by his inability to reduce government expenditure.

Having abandoned the path of cutting government spending, there is nothing left but to raise revenues. A radical tightening up of tax collection, at the prevailing rates, which is the most desirable and most equitable way of increasing revenue, is unhappily and at best a song of the future. Even the most determined assault on tax evasion, and the most energetic steps to make the tax administration more efficient, cannot have immediate results. But inflation has by now become so perilous that, unless immediate action is taken, even the most desirable long-run policies have little chance of success.

The proposal to impose an income surtax is therefore basically sound, although it undoubtedly increases the already outrageous discrimination against honest taxpayers, and especially against wage earners who are the only ones who pay as they earn and cannot, with few exceptions, evade taxes.

But if raising tax rates is basically sound, the same cannot be said of the form in which the Treasury proposes to do it. The intended tax hike will be nominally proportional, with everybody paying an extra 5 per cent on the income tax due from him. In reality, it will be regressive. Companies and the self-employed earn now and pay later. Wage earners pay immediately. The semi-annual interval between adjustments of the tax brackets (assuming that they will be adjusted again in April — a matter that is still far from certain) significantly erodes the take-home pay of wage earners, but hurts the self-employed much less because they pay, at best, only quarterly advances on their taxes.

The proposed surtax should therefore be made progressive. The top marginal tax rate of 60 per cent is, after all, not a magic figure, nor is there any sanctity attached to any of the other rates established by the Ben-Shahar committee in 1975. A progressive surtax, rising with the basic tax bracket itself, can be as temporary as the proposed flat 5 per cent tax. It can also bring in as much total revenue.

Such a progressive tax will of course bite deeper into the incomes of the affluent, self-employed and wage earners alike. This is precisely what it should do.

It is, however, doubtful whether Mr. Ehrlich and his deputy, who have showered some L.A. in tax reductions on the business sector whom they purport to represent, will be able or willing to pursue such a rational and equitable tax policy.

JEWISH IDENTITY

Education Minister ZEVULUN HAMMER discusses the elements of a Jewish education.

A HEALTHY human identity may be characterized by three elements — memory, action and anticipation. Just as these may form an individual's self-perception so, too, do they influence a people's self-perception.

Tradition obligates the Jew to remember key moments of history — like his people's suffering in Egypt, the covenant at Sinai and demonic evil as symbolized by Amalek. And it demands that the Jew retain a vivid memory of the major events that shaped Jewish history.

The second feature of Jewish identity is Halacha, which provides the framework for the daily activities of the Jew and shapes his identity by the acts and practices it enjoins on the community.

The third feature is the vision of a redeemed world — the Messianic ideal. Messianism symbolizes our people's belief that future social and political conditions can be different from those of the present and past. War, destruction, exploitation and hatred are not permanent features of human civilization. Messianism reflects the hope and belief that justice and love can become the governing principles of communal and personal relationships.

THESE THREE elements of Jewish life — memory, action and anticipation — must constitute the framework guiding our philosophy of Jewish education. Exclusive preoccupation with only some of them leads to the weakening of Jewish identity in the modern world. Teaching Jewish history solely as a chronological record of events without emphasizing how memory may become a catalyst for present action undermines the traditional Jewish approach to memory (In the Jewish tradition, the past influenced and inspired behaviour. "You shall love the stranger," became a norm of present conduct as a response to the memory "You were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Deut. 10:19).

The past was not unrelated to the building of character. Jewish history was taught as a personal drama. It expanded the student's understanding of himself by placing him in the broad context of his people's history.

THE HALACHIC concern with action influenced the Jew's approach to the significance of historical memory. As already mentioned, a people's identity grows out of the actions of its members. In the Jewish tradition, action embodied the grand ideas of history and a vision of the future. But dreams of the future and memories of the past are not themselves sufficient to shape a community's identity. The character of Jewish culture will not be meaningfully defined by a rich past or by prophetic dreams of a Messianic future as long as they are not realized in daily life.

A philosophy of Jewish education which remains true to the spirit of Halacha should reflect the following features:

Halachic thinking, both in the talmudic and post-talmudic traditions, was characterized by an involvement with details of conduct. Undoubtedly, pre-occupation with details may prevent one from grasping the broader significance of the Law and the spirit behind it. But an appreciation of the details is of crucial importance, for concern with detail anchors ideals to reality. The spirit of Halacha attention to detail should guide educators to relate to the personal experience of teachers and students for discussions of ethics and values.

Discussions of human dignity and friendship should focus on how one plays basketball or whether one tells a friend who was absent from school about the day's homework. Respect for property and condemnation of violence and theft should be related to conduct during examinations.

The spirit of Halacha details should also force one to confront daily problems, not just what is lacking

in the world. Halachic details may be a healthy corrective to unrestricted flights of youthful imagination.

A second characteristic of Halachic thought is captured by the well-known talmudic statement, "Greater is one who acts because he is commanded, than one who acts though not commanded" (Avodah Zarah 3a; Kiddushin 31a). The spirit behind this dictum implies a world view where the sense of duty predominates.

Though the Jewish tradition appreciated voluntary actions and spontaneity, "it preferred discipline and structure as the basis of moral life."

The spirit of acting as the result of a command would lead education towards a serious concern with ethics. And concern with personal realization would be placed within the broader context of respect for others. The notion of duty would heal the spirit of ego-centrism that all too often pervades the modern world.

Formal and informal features of the educational environment challenge the imagination of those who are involved in Israeli education. The educator influences by his or her total personality; the teacher serves as a living model which the student may strive to emulate. Without living models which reflect values and aspirations, education is flat and uninspiring.

An emphasis on action which is cut off from hope and a vision of the future is vacuous. Action which is unrelated to historical anticipation can create the impression that the present conditions of history are unalterable.

A creative and critical attitude towards the present grows from the ability of a culture to inspire dreams of the future. Creativity grows from the belief that something new is possible; the motivation to create and build something new develops in a culture which has the courage to believe in a better world.

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History and memory, like hope and anticipation, support the cultivation of critical intelligence by pointing to a reality other than the present. These two elements create meaningful dialogue between present and the past. The present, therefore, is subject to critical assessment in the light of both peoples memories and its dream. The education system we are building must reflect, in some way, the aspirations of Jewish history. For, historical rootedness, memory, concern with action and belief in the renewal of human society are necessary components of a philosophy of Jewish education. It aspires to express the classical of life of the Jewish people.

Dealing with OPEC

MAX LERNER considers the alternatives to total subservience in the face of OPEC wealth and strength.

THE OPEC OIL sheikhs must be gloating because the oil-consuming nations tamely accepted their whopping 14 per cent price increase, with never a cross word. But the Midas curse is on them, and since everything they touch turns to gold they will — like the fabled king — die of hunger.

In 1973, they priced the oil so high that they created a world oil glut. They didn't know what to do with their new-found wealth, so they recycled some of the petro-dollars in Western investments, spent lavishly on themselves, plowed back a chunk into internal development and bought planes and tanks with much of the rest.

Little of all this has worked out well. When they raise their prices and add to the inflation in consuming countries they lessen the value of their own investments. They also have to watch the opening of new oil fields spurred by the high price of oil.

The effort at internal economic development has thus far proved

fruitful. The weapons bought in the West with the petro-dollars didn't save the Shah's regime, and are unlikely to help the Saudi Arabian rulers who may face a similar power challenge.

AS THE OIL dollars pile up, and investment in arms and internal improvements grows, and King Midas gets richer, the greater is the stake in overthrowing him.

So what does Midas-OPEC do? Having plunged this deep he plunges deeper. He does the only thing he knows how to do. He raises the price again steeply. To show his muscle, and assuage his doubts of his own

strength? To refill his treasury? Probably all of these. Perhaps also to get some extra dollars in order to buy into the development of non-oil fuels, which can serve as a hedge against the time when the OPEC oil reserves run low.

Can America do anything other than lie down supinely in the face of OPEC actions? The usual answer is that America is a helpless giant, content to take it and like it. It doesn't have to be so.

The OPEC members, who use power, also respect power. Answering their arbitrary decision-making by a dialogue of power has evidently not occurred to Jimmy Carter, who

is concerned about Iran and has cozied up to Saudi Arabia on the issue of Israel.

ONE IS to stimulate the production of non-OPEC world oil by any and every means. Another is to abolish the income tax "golden gimmick" which operates in favour of American oil companies blandly involved with Arab oil. A third is to increase and accelerate the size of the U.S. stockpile of imported oil to a year's supply.

Note that none of these ways is ugly or sinister, and none involve the use of arms or troops. They are simply normal, resourceful ways which America can exert its economic power at its disposal.

The author is a well-known Washington columnist.

READERS' LETTERS

SHABBAT TRAVESTY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As a recent oleh, who was involved for years in Orthodox Jewish education in the United States, I am appalled at the Shabbat confrontation that has erupted over the Ramat road.

Shabbat is not some archaic, sectarian taboo, violently imposed. It must never be projected as a threat to anyone. Shabbat is a profoundly meaningful occasion for introspection, reflection, prayer and social communication, which appeals to the deepest needs of contemporary man. Travel on Shabbat is interdicted, confining a man to his immediate area, in order to promote the sense of community with whose members one joins in worship, study and celebration. The beauty of the

SHOCKING GENERALIZATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I was shocked to read Philip Gillon's article of December 29 in which he states that a secretary called for dictation is synonymous with hanky-panky. Such a blatant, outright, slanderous remark against the honour of all secretaries (and the integrity of the boss) can be considered nothing less than primitive, narrow-minded, bigoted, and irresponsible.

Perhaps Mr. Gillon and his secretaries are hanky-panky on company time, but can he produce enough secretaries to justify such a generalization?

SUSAN L. KABAKOV
MIDGE GILLMAN
JUDY LEBOWITZ
Jerusalem.

JEWISH EDUCATION IN THE DIASPORA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — A group of representative Jewish educators from five continents met in seminar with members of the Institute for Educational Curriculum, Department for Torat Education and Culture, World Zionist Organization, on plans and programmes for Jewish education in the 1980's at the Seminar Centre in Jerusalem, from December 25 to January 2.

The seminar and the Institute were encouraged in their efforts at a meeting with the Minister of Education, who indicated that his ministry would shortly enter into direct support of Jewish education in the Diaspora in cooperation with the Department for Torat Education and Culture.

The Institute for Educational Curricula, established in 1977, has developed ideas, approaches and materials that are ready for dissemination and publication. Although each member of Institute's professional staff has experience with Jewish education in the Diaspora, there was a need at this point for direct input from Diaspora educators. Hence the seminar in Jerusalem with Institute members and educators from abroad reviewed and discussed materials and proposals in the field of curriculum construction, Hebrew and Hebrew language and literature.

The long range goals of the Institute include the development of a multi-track minimum curriculum for Diaspora schooling, the creation of challenging materials for the key areas of curriculum.

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CARNAGE ON THE ROADS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — May I add my support to Pearl Gefen's letter of January 1 concerning the high accident rate on the roads.

At the same time, may I point out that the fault does not solely with irresponsible motorists, but also to a large extent with seemingly suicidal pedestrians who do not look for oncoming traffic until after they have stepped blindly onto the road; and cyclists who think that they are exempt from obeying any rules of the road, cycling the wrong way at night without lights. Any attempt at pointing out such faults to them is met with indifference or abuse.

A. CANTOR
Haifa.

HOUSING IN JERUSALEM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In view of the critical housing shortage in Jerusalem, the skyrocketing prices and the prediction reported in The Post of January 2 that the situation will get worse this year. I hope the plan to move over 3,000 government employees from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem this year has been abandoned.

HOWARD BLAKE
Jerusalem.

POSTSCRIPTS

A FORMER TEACHER at a Wizo kindergarten has just risen to chairman of Wizo Israel. Michal Moda', wife of Minister of Energy and Infrastructure Yitzhak Moda', officially took charge of the organization during its national convention.

Mrs. Moda' would like to see the organization add more services for the aged and she believes Wizo can help with the problem of battered wives and children.

"Volunteering has to become fashionable," she says, "to the point where a woman who spends her mornings in cafes or looking in shop windows will feel a little ashamed. Even though I'm an ardent Zionist, a sixth generation sabra, I don't ask people to volunteer to help others. I ask them to do it for themselves, for their children, for their grandchildren — so they will live in a better society."

found during raids on neo-Nazi and ultra-rightist groups.

Moreover, there are indications that right-wing extremists, of which there are reported to be some 18,000, are adopting clandestine organizational methods such as those practised by the Baader-Meinhof group's Red Army Faction and its various "second-generation" successor groups. They use a system of small, tightly-knit cells with a maximum of 10 members.

HOW DOES an Israeli businessman keep trade secrets from his competitors when he has to farm out some of his work?

Noam Bloom, head of an agricultural industrial company, revealed at a press conference recently that he had designed special concrete blocks to house plants. Fearing that some competitors would steal his idea, he told the manufacturer of these blocks that he must not reveal anything connected with them, since they were being manufactured for use in an atomic reactor in Israel.

Y.O.

SMALLPOX is judged to be eradicated from the world. However, to make sure, the World Health Organization is offering a \$1,000 reward to the first person who reports a confirmed case.

H.S.

WEST GERMANY'S neo-Nazi radicals are becoming more militant and belligerent, reports correspondent John Dornberg, from Munich.

A confidential police study, recently made public, indicates that rightists are trying to obtain weapons and explosives and, apparently, are succeeding at it. The study documents 18 cases recorded during the past 18 months in which machine guns, large stocks of ammunition and explosives have been

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